

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 127

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A RESOLUTION to honor Jason Witten for his outstanding accomplishments in football and recognize him upon being selected to the 2005 NFL Pro Bowl.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for this General Assembly to honor those exceptional citizens who display diligence, determination, and exceptional skill in the realm of athletics; and

WHEREAS, the Dallas Cowboys' tight end, Jason Witten, has demonstrated such athletic skill and achievement, and has been named to the 2005 National Football League (NFL) Pro Bowl team; and

WHEREAS, originally from Elizabethton, Tennessee, Jason Witten played football first for Elizabethton High School and then the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Jason Witten recently completed his second NFL season; in addition to reaching the pinnacle of individual accomplishment by being selected to the NFL Pro Bowl, he also finished second in the league this season for both receptions and receiving yards by a tight end; and

WHEREAS, Jason Witten has garnered the support of his entire hometown; the road between the School and the practice football field has been named Jason Witten Way in honor of the school's most famous alumni; and

WHEREAS, Jason Witten's success is the result of hours upon hours of practice with his brothers, Ryan, also a standout athlete, and Shawn, who played collegiate football at Virginia Tech, and his grandfather Dave Rider, a retired high school football coach; and

WHEREAS, Jason Witten displays leadership qualities off the field through his service to various community organizations; not only is he an outstanding athlete, but he is also a man of

exceptional character, which is no doubt a result of the influence of his mother, Kim Barnett, who instilled the highest moral principles in all her children; and

WHEREAS, Jason Witten's life serves as a testament to the virtues of hard work and dedication, epitomizing the spirit of all true Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee takes great pride in the outstanding combination of athletic ability and sterling character embodied by Jason Witten; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize Jason Witten's amazing success in the NFL and congratulate him upon being named to the 2005 NFL Pro Bowl team.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.